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We have become aware that BLM proposes to implement a plan which will result in 5000 new hydraulically fractures horizontal wells in Converse County, Wyoming over the next 10 years. Is this really necessary to satisfy the country's need for additional oil? Is it in the best interest of those living in Converse County? There are many questions that need to be answered before proceeding:

1. Has the required environmental impact analysis been conducted, and what is the result?
2. How will this impact the sage grouse core area, and how does this plan jive with Wyoming's Sage Grouse Management Plan?
3. Where will the tremendous amount of water required for drilling and fracking come from, and how will it affect the current potable water aquifer(s).
4. How will the waste water from oil and gas drilling be disposed of, and will there be a requirement that oil companies reuse this waster water to the maximum extent?
5. How does this plan jive with the other multiple use requirements (e.g., recreation and grazing) on BLM land?
6. Will BLM require each and every oil company to post a third-party bond sufficient to cover remediation of the land after all this drilling is finished?
7. How will air quality and ozone be monitored?

BLM should not be in any hurry to proceed with this project. The above considerations must be addressed beforehand. Input from those residing in Converse County must be taken into consideration. We certainly do not want the problems encountered in the Upper Green River Basin to be repeated on Converse County.

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